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The Council present their Annual Report in a shortened form, so that both paper and funds may be economised.

During the year the great crisis of the war has been reached and times of grave anxiety experienced. Efforts have, therefore, with the full accord of members, been mainly concentrated on war work. Wherever possible public service has been undertaken by the League's workers, whilst from Headquarters regular supplies have been sent out both to the Allies and to British institutions. Considerable personal service has also been rendered to the overseas soldiers, whether they were members of the League or not.

The Summer Meeting of the Imperial Union of Teachers in 1917 took the form of a Conference on the Spiritual Ideals of different Nations. The addresses were listened to attentively by large audiences of teachers and others interested in education. The following programme shows great variety in the characteristics dealt with.

Chairman : The Hon. W. A. HOLMAN, Premier of New South Wales.
SUBJECT. SPEAKER.

"The Anglo-Saxon Ideal: Justice Rev. WILLIAM TEMPLE, late Head-
and Liberty." master of Repton.

Chairman : Monsieur A. DE FLEURIAN, Chargé d'affaires de France.
"French National Energies." Professor A. V. SALMON, President
of the British Federation of the
"Alliance Française."

Chairman : Monsieur C. NABAKOFF, Chargé d'affaires de Russie.
"The Power of Service; a Funda- Monsieur V. MOURAVIEFF-APOSTAL,
mental Characteristic of the
Russian Nature expressed in
Literature and worked out in
actuality."

Chairman : Sir MANCHERJEE BHOWNAGREE, K.C.I.E.
"Domestic Love as the Foundation of Family and National Life as shown in Indian Literature and Indian Life."

A full report of the Conference was published in THE FEDERAL MAGAZINE.

Meetings of representatives of the Teachers' Associations throughout the Empire have taken place each year since the first Conference in 1912, when over 600 delegates registered at the Offices of the League.

During the past four years migration of teachers on a large scale has not been possible, but the League has been in touch with overseas teachers in the trenches and also those on leave, thus maintaining even in war-time close association between educationalists throughout the Empire, which is perhaps the most valuable result of the League's work.

The following is a short summary of the educational work of the League up to the beginning of the War :—

1901. Correspondence established between children throughout the Empire. This Branch now numbers over 37,000 members.
1903. Scheme for the affiliation of Schools throughout the Empire presented on behalf of the League to the Overseas Education Departments in a circular despatch by the late Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, then Colonial Secretary.
1907. The first Imperial Education Conference between the Education Departments throughout the Empire, convened by the League of the Empire.

Among the results of this Conference were the resolution passed in favour of a quadrennial Conference, and the announcement that the first Official Imperial Conference on Education would be called by the Imperial Government in 1911.

- 1909-11. The issuing of three Imperial Text Books under the Editorship of Professor A. F. Pollard (through the generosity of the late Mr. Louis Spitzel).
1911. A short Educational Conference to record the work of the League continued since 1907 by desire of representatives of the Overseas Governments.
1912. The First Imperial Conference of Teachers' Associations held by the League and attended by over 600 Delegates and Representatives from all countries in the British Empire.
1913. The first Annual Meeting of Teachers' Associations throughout the Empire convened by the League in July, 1913, when arrangements were considered for a future Imperial Conference of Teachers' Associations to be held in due course in Toronto, by invitation of the Government of Ontario. At this meeting the Imperial Union of Teachers was formally inaugurated.

Amongst those taking part in the first Imperial Conference of Teachers, 1912, and in the subsequent meetings of the Imperial Union are the following :—The late Duke of Argyll, the Right Hon. J. A. Pease, President of the Board of Education, 1912; the Lord Emmott, representing the Colonial Office; the Right Hon. Sir George Foster, Minister of Commerce, Canada; the Hon. A. R. Pyne, Minister of Education for Ontario; the Hon. I. B. Lucas, Member of the Ontario

Cabinet; the Hon. H. E. Young, Minister of Education for British Columbia; the Hon. W. P. Schreiner, the Earl of Meath, the Earl of Selborne, the Right Hon. Sir Gilbert Parker.

WAR MEMORIAL TO THE TEACHERS OF THE EMPIRE.

Before long the League hopes to establish a Headquarters in London for the teachers of the Empire, in commemoration of their great services in the War. Such a residential headquarters is now a necessity, for even before the war teachers from overseas came to England in their hundreds. After peace is again assured they are likely to come yet more and more, partly for study and conference, partly to fulfil the desire of a lifetime by visiting the Mother Country. Schemes too, for a closer Union of the Teachers of the Empire are but waiting the end of the war to be put into operation. As, for instance, that of the London County Council, who have invited the League annually to recommend into their service a certain number of overseas teachers for the period of one year, for purposes of study and educational experience. A home in the Mother Country would happily celebrate the services the teachers of the Empire have rendered in her hour of need. Their work, both civil and military, has been of incalculable value. It will also serve as a commemoration of those who have fallen fighting for the Empire.

The Scheme has the hearty support of the Hon. President of the League, the Duke of Connaught, and of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra and H.R.H. Princess Louise. Two of the royal messages are appended.

LETTER FROM H.M. QUEEN ALEXANDRA TO THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE LEAGUE.

Dear Sir,

I am desired by Queen Alexandra to say in answer to your letter which Sir Henry Streathfield has forwarded, that Her Majesty has very great pleasure in approving your suggestion that the Reception Room at the residential Headquarters for the Teachers of the Empire should be called "Queen Alexandra's Drawing Room."

Her Majesty is very glad that her name should be associated with an undertaking which is to commemorate the great services of the Teachers to the Empire, not only in their instructional work, but also as a record of the patriotism with which they have given their lives in the field on behalf of the Empire.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithful,

ARTHUR DAVIDSON,
Colonel.

Equerry to H.M. Queen Alexandra.

MESSAGE FROM H.R.H. PRINCESS LOUISE (DUCHESS OF ARGYLL).

Addressing members of the League of the Empire, Princess Louise congratulated them upon their efforts and said, "The relations between the Mother Country and the rest of the Empire have so greatly gained in devotion and sacredness, by the suffering and successes they have gone through together. Your aim to use this as a foundation of closer fellowship and unity among the Teachers will help them to make the children of the future not only individuals, but Citizens of our great Empire. You have a splendid aim before you, which will call for prolonged activity and wise organisation. All those who have the welfare of the Empire at heart, I am sure join with me in wishing your enterprise every success."

It is proposed that the Headquarters should have all the advantages of a club, with accommodation for meetings and social gatherings as well as quiet rooms for study. The sum of £25,000 is needed for the project. It is hoped that members will do all they can to make the League's War Memorial a fit meeting place for those whose services to the Empire, both in peace and war, are beyond all price.

THE LEAGUE'S WORK FOR THE WAR.

Since the beginning of the war the League of the Empire Headquarters has been used as a depot for the receipt and despatch of war supplies. Over a million gifts have been sent out from this depot to the various Red Cross Societies, to troops both at home and abroad, to the wounded in hospitals, to institutions which have been affected by the war, and to private individuals needing help.

One of the happy phases of the League's war work has been the despatching of numbers of small personal parcels to the Overseas men in the trenches, or on special duty, or alone in hospital. These parcels have served a double purpose by supplying necessary comforts and by giving peculiar pleasure to men far away from their own relations.

Amongst the gifts received, in addition to money, from members and friends in all parts of the world have been large quantities of shirts, warm vests and pants, socks, mufflers, pyjamas and hospital garments of all kinds, gloves, mittens, air cushions, hot water bottles, sheets and other bed linen, slippers, bandages, dressings of most valuable kinds, blankets, pillows, towels, cases of soap, tooth brushes, tooth powder, comforts, cigarettes and tobacco, gifts of various kinds, comfort bags, mouth organs, games and puzzles of many sorts, sweets, chocolate, condensed milk, cocoa, tinned meat, stationery, pencils, handkerchiefs, great coats, cardigans, boots and clothing of all description, alike for men, women and children. These have come from the Branches of the League in different countries of the Empire and from many working parties throughout England who have co-operated with the League; also from the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire in the United States of America, a Society of women of British birth. Through the generosity of this Society the League's work for the war has been substantially helped.

The Canadian Branch of the League has continued its excellent scheme of forwarding letter pads and other comforts to the troops in the field and the many Canadian hospitals in France and England.

Contributions to the League's War Funds have come from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Newfoundland, Barbados, Trinidad, Bermuda, St. Helena and elsewhere.

EMPIRE DAY.

Empire Day was again celebrated in London by a special afternoon Service at St. Paul's Cathedral. H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and the Princess Patricia were present. A number of the Mayors of the London Boroughs also took part in the ceremony. The Sermon was preached by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Willesden. The sixty-four flags of the Empire were carried in procession by a unit of the London Diocesan Church Lads' Brigade, and the following Societies, long associated with the League in this yearly Empire Day Celebration, took part:—The Boys' Brigade, the Church Lads' Brigade, the London Diocesan Church Lads' Brigade, the Navy League, the Boys' Life Brigade, the Boy Scouts' Association, the Girl Guides, the Girls' Life Brigade, the Church Nursing and Ambulance Brigade, the Foundling

Hospital, Newport Market Military School, Dr. Barnardo's Homes Brigade.

In addition to the Service in St. Paul's, many members of the League delivered addresses on Empire Day. A Flag Day was also organised in a number of Schools for the purpose of providing gifts and comforts for the Overseas Teachers. Emblem Days for various purposes were also held under the auspices of the League in Bournemouth, Chester, Gravesend, Camberwell, West Bromwich, St. Albans and Wednesbury.

The London Flag Day, which should have been held on May 24th, for the Overseas Teachers' War Memorial had to be postponed until the autumn.

EMPIRE DAY ESSAY COMPETITIONS.

The following are the subjects prescribed for next year's Empire Day Essay Competition for the Lord Meath Empire Day Challenge Cups and League of the Empire Prizes.

A. Senior Competition.

Subject.—(a) Trace the causes of the migration of the first British settlers to America, and compare their ideals with those which have led America to unite with the British Empire in this great World War.

Or, as an alternative subject—(b) Tell the story of the British Navy and show how it has served Britain's ideals of freedom and civilisation.

Prizes.—A Silver Challenge Cup, value £10. 10s., presented by the Right Hon. the Earl of Meath, K.P., to be held by the School, and a prize of £7. 7s., given by the League of the Empire, is offered for competition to pupils throughout the Empire who are over 14 and under 20 on January 1st, 1919. The Essay must not exceed 2,000 words.

B. Junior Competition.

(a) Give an account of the founding of your Dominion, State or Colony, and show what part it has played in the history of the British Empire.

Or, as an alternative subject—(b) Sketch the life and character of any great man who has helped in the building up of the Empire during the last 100 years.

Prizes.—A Silver Challenge Cup, value £10. 10s., presented by the Right Hon. the Earl of Meath, K.P., to be held by the School, and a prize of £5. 5s., given by the League of the Empire, is offered for competition to pupils throughout the Empire who are under 14 years of age on January 1st, 1919. The Essay must not exceed 1,000 words.

Gifts of books will be made to competitors whose entries win honourable mention in either senior or junior competitions.

Full particulars of the conditions governing the competitions may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the League.

IMPERIAL TEXT BOOKS.

A graded series of three Imperial Text Books—the result of the generosity of Mr. Louis Spitzel—are now in general circulation. The series, which was edited by Professor A. F. Pollard, consists of (1) "The British Empire: Its Past, Its Present and Its Future," 804 pp., 5s. net. Fifteen special contributors and over a hundred authorities in all parts of the Empire have collaborated in its production. This book will be found suitable both for Teachers and students. (2) "The British Empire and Its History," with maps and illustrations, 2s. 6d.; and (3) "The Story of the British Empire," illustrated, 1s. 6d., are intended respectively for use in Secondary Schools and the higher forms of Primary Schools. All the books may be obtained of any bookseller or from the Offices of the League, 48, Catherine Street, Buckingham Gate.

SOUVENIRS FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS.

A Special Committee of the League has been formed for the purpose of presenting to each soldier disabled in the War a souvenir volume of Shakespeare's works in memory of Field-Marshal Earl Kitchener. Inserted in the book is the following letter, giving the King's approval of the gift, as well as one from Sir Sidney Lee, expressing deep appreciation of the recipient's personal sacrifice and service:—

DEAR SIR PHILIP HUTCHINS,

The King desires me to thank you and the members of the Council of the League of the Empire for so kindly sending his Majesty a copy of the edition of Shakespeare's works which will be given to each soldier disabled in the present war in memory of Lord Kitchener.

At the same time I am to express the King's appreciation both of the idea of the memento and the form which it is to take.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) STAMFORDHAM.

Sir Sidney Lee is Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Holman-Hunt (the originator of the Scheme) Vice-Chairman, and Sir Philip Hutchins, Sir Johnstone Forbes-Robertson and others are on the Committee. Several thousands of the books have already been despatched, and the letters received show how greatly these gifts have gratified and cheered many poor fellows. For every subscription of 2s. 6d. the League will present one of these beautiful souvenir volumes to a disabled soldier.

During the year a lecture was given by Sir Frederick Bridge on "Shakespeare and Music," illustrated with songs given by choristers of Westminster Abbey. Mrs. Holman-Hunt undertook all the arrangements and the Shakespeare Souvenir Fund benefited by the sum of nearly £70.

In January, 1917, "The Watch-dogs Society" was formed in connection with "The League of the Empire" and "The Kitchener Souvenir." Its object is to watch over the interests of soldiers disabled in the Great War, and found in Workhouses, Infirmaries and Military Hospitals. This work is carried on by a small band of ladies (Chairman, Mrs. Holman-Hunt), who visit 30 Infirmaries and Hospitals in and near London. The private soldier is often found to be but little able to look after his own interests, by taking advantage of the official means provided in Government Departments, and in many cases the sympathy and practical help of the Watch-dogs has proved to be invaluable.

COMPRADES' CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH.

The Comrades' Correspondence Branch is one of the earliest of the League's undertakings, having been founded in 1901. This Branch has been a valuable means for promoting friendship between the young people of the Empire. Teachers testify to its use in widening the children's outlook and in inducing a larger patriotism. It is pleasant to note that many comrades serving with the overseas contingents have received a kindly welcome, both from their own comrades and their comrades' friends while on leave in this country.

The Branch now numbers over 37,000 members. Several new centres have been formed in this country and the Hon. Secretary would be glad to receive names of young people in all other parts of the Empire who wish for comrades in the Mother Country. Forms of application may be obtained from the Central Office, 48, Catherine Street, Buckingham Gate.

THE BRITISH SOCIETY IN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

The British Society is the allied Society of the League of the Empire in the Argentine. Some time since this Society made, through the League, a gift of two aeroplanes to the War Office, and a large sum of money for the Red Cross. This year the British Society has raised over £50,000 for "Our Day" Fund, besides sending cases of gifts to the Queen Alexandra Field Force Fund. A continual stream of young men have also come from the Argentine to offer themselves for service in British regiments.

The Chairman of the Society is Mr. Arthur Pruden, and the Hon. Secretary Mr. George E. J. Corbett. Congratulations are offered to the Society on the great services they have rendered during the War.

PERSONAL.

We regret to record the death of Sir Leonard Lucas-Tooth, Bart., the third and last surviving son of the late Sir Robert Lucas-Tooth, and Helen, Lady Lucas-Tooth, to whose generosity the League has been much indebted. To the last, even whilst fighting in France, Sir Leonard took active interest in the League's work. His loss is a great one in many ways.

Sir Philip Hutchins, who has been Chairman of the Executive for seventeen years, has resigned this position on account of partial deafness and has accepted the Hon. Treasurership of the League. We are pleased to report that Mr. M. J. Rendall (Headmaster of Winchester College) has accepted the Chairmanship thus rendered vacant.

The Offices of the League have been removed from 28, Buckingham Gate to 48, Catherine Street, Buckingham Gate, S.W. 1. The lease of the Club House having run out, it was not deemed expedient to renew it in war time, especially as the memorial to the Teachers of the Empire was already under consideration. At the present headquarters, besides the General Offices there is a pleasant lounge provided for the use of members and their friends.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We have to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of a grant of £100 from the Rhodes Trustees towards the expenses of the League's Conferences. With gratitude also we record an additional donation of £200 from Mrs. Holman-Hunt for the Souvenir volumes of Shakespeare's works.

The Government of Alberta have made the League their annual grant of £10 according to their custom of many years. A grant of £6. 6s. has been received from the National Union of Teachers towards the League's Imperial education work, and £15 from the Association of Secondary Teachers in Victoria, Australia. The sum of £21 was collected in Camberley on Empire Day for the League's War Fund.

From the Flag Days on Empire Day several gifts have been made to the fund for raising a Headquarters for the Overseas Teachers. From Bournemouth a gift of £60 15s. has been received; from Deptford the sum of £50; from Gravesend £25; from Chester £7; and from Wednesbury £5. A number of Schools have also sent contributions for comforts as well as a centre, and their contributions amount up to date to over £120. In connection with this scheme a large number of parcels of comforts have lately been sent to teachers now fighting in France.

From the Nelson Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, in the United States, by the generosity of Mrs. Finch, the sum of £210 7s. 7d. has been received for the purchase of a motor lorry for the Red Cross. The gift came just at the time of the retreat when much valuable rolling stock was lost in France, and was therefore the more

acceptable. The lorry bears the name of the Nelson Chapter I.O.D.E. Another gift from the Chapter (specially recommended by the League) was a Church Army Hut for Palestine. The sum of £315 was raised for this purpose.

The Hon. Treasurer has received from Mrs. H. S. Strathy, on behalf of the Canadian Branch, £20 towards the Shakespeare Memorial Fund and £10 for the War Fund to provide comforts for the soldiers. A case of comforts has also been received from Mrs. Strathy and a "Shower of Gifts" has been sent to Queen Mary's Needlework Guild. In this gift the Canadian Schools have taken a special part.

The South Australian Branch of the League has contributed £10 to the Central Fund of the League. Miss Rees George, the Hon. Secretary, also forwarded a case of gifts for the Silver Wedding Collection of the value of £300.

The Sheffield Branch of the League at the Central Secondary School (Headmaster Mr. J. W. Iliffe, Head Mistress Miss Couzens, Hon. Secretary Miss McInnes) made a special collection, as an Empire Day Gift, with the result that a cheque for £16 3s. has been sent to Sir Arthur Pearson for the St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers.

The Council submit their dutiful thanks to Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, H.R.H. Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll), and to H.R.H. Princess Patricia, who have graciously given their patronage and help in important schemes of the League.

The thanks of the League are also offered to the Educational authorities throughout the Empire for their sympathetic support of the work of the League.

To the Press both at home and overseas gratitude is due for many generous notices of the League's undertakings.

Sincere thanks are offered to Canon Alexander and the Cathedral Authorities, to Mr. Charles Hopwood and the Wardsmen of the Cathedral, to Mr. Abel Bloxam and the special Stewards, and to the Officers and boys of the Flag Party for their valuable co-operation in the Empire Day Service in St. Paul's Cathedral; and also to the organizations taking part in the celebration.

Cordial recognition is made of the great services rendered by the Hon. Secretaries and representatives of the League throughout the Empire.

Thanks for help rendered are also due to the Earl of Meath, Lady Llangattock, the Premier of New South Wales, Monsieur A. de Fleurian, Charge d'affaires de France, Sir Mancherjee Bhownagree, Mrs. Holman-Hunt, Lady Blomfield, Miss Chamberlain, Sir Sidney Lee, Mrs. Alington, Mrs. Archibald Little, Lady Taylor, Mrs. H. S. Strathy, Miss Rees George, Professor W. S. McCready, Mr. and Mrs. George Quirk, Mrs. E. G. Marks, Mrs. Montgomery-Corse, Mrs. Murray Holt, Miss Agnes Stewart, Mrs. Robert McCullagh, Mrs. A. O. Simpkin, Mrs. E. Balaïs, Mrs. Leggett, Miss G. Hyland, Miss Alice Cameron, Mr. D. Gilligan, Lady Lyall, Mrs. Spencer Maul, Mrs. Percy Thomas, Mrs. I. W. Raymond, Mrs. Caroe, Mrs. Butler Wright, Miss M. Ogg, Miss Bishop, Miss Iris, Miss Mabel Beloe, the Misses Hansley Smith, Mrs. Kinsey, Mrs. Leck and readers of "The Quiver." Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scholes, Miss Lowe.

Acknowledgment is made of the valuable services rendered by the office staff.

On behalf of the Council and the Executive Committee.

PHIL. P. HUTCHINS,
Chairman of the Council.

M. J. RENDALL,
Chairman of the Executive Committee.

E. M. ORD MARSHALL,
Hon. Secretary.